

COVID-19, NATURE PROTECTION, AND COP15

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Potential reforms triggered by COVID19

- The wildlife management and nature protection agenda may become a beneficiary of the COVID crisis.
- Strong realization of the need for protection:
 - ▣ Ban wildlife trade as a source of food
 - ▣ Amendment of the Wildlife Protection Law
 - ▣ Conservation vs. Utilization
 - ▣ Tighter enforcement
 - ▣ Don't underestimate the complexity, time window for change may be narrow

CBD Kunming process

- Debut of Chinese environmental diplomacy
- COP 15 is a major milestone meeting for the CBD
- COVID-19 requires a re-imagination of COP15
- Challenges of COP15
 - Targets – ambition, scope, the vision vs. underlying politics
 - Implementation – translate Kunming targets into national ones
 - Support and finance

COP15 Reimagined



- How can the new Kunming calendar help create momentum?
- How should the COP be re-framed in a post COVID-19 world? What are the new narratives?
- What could be the commitments from China to align its domestic progress and the COP?
- How to re-think finance and support?
- How to better integrate the health angle – IPBES report?